



FLORAL STREET SCHOOL

January Preview

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Dear Floral Families,

We hope that you had an enjoyable holiday vacation. As we begin 2004, we are excited for what the New Year promises for Floral Street School. We feel fortunate to work with a very dedicated and talented group of teachers, supportive and generous families, and, especially, 900 or so wonderful children! We are proud of the work that is done here every day as we attempt to reach the goals articulated by our mission and core values. We have included them below as a reminder of what we stand for and of the aspirations that we have for our children. We truly appreciate your support as we strive to make 2004 the best year yet for Floral Street School.

~ Joe Sawyer & Jane Lizotte

Mission:

Working together...
Planting the seed of lifelong learning
Cultivating cooperation, compassion, and confidence
Building integrity in a respectful community
...Our gift to the future

Core Values:

1) At Floral Street School, **everyone will work together** in order to provide the best possible experience for children. Students, educators, parents, and caretakers will:

- Cooperate in order to benefit from everyone's strengths
- Communicate ideas, compliments, questions, and concerns
- Celebrate successes of both achievement and effort

2) At Floral Street School, we will **demonstrate a positive attitude about learning**. We will:

- Believe that learning is important and rewarding
- Exercise our imagination and increase our curiosity about the world
- Understand that learning is a process that never ends

3) At Floral Street School, we will **strive to maximize our learning**. We will:

- Recognize that effort and perseverance are the most important factors in reaching goals and that we are responsible for our own learning
- Organize and plan in order to meet challenges both independently and cooperatively
- Acquire expected skills and knowledge and use these to think critically and to solve problems

4) At Floral Street School, we will **understand and demonstrate respect for ourselves, for others, and for our community**. We will:

- Act with honesty, integrity, courtesy, and kindness
- Practice compassion by helping those in need
- Accept one another and honor our differences

Important Notes:

• **Two district-wide workshops of interest to parents will be held in January.** A workshop on **helping students with study skills, test taking, and organizational** skills will be held at Coolidge School on January 12 at 7:00 p.m. A workshop on **children's self esteem** will be held in the Floral cafeteria on January 15 at 7:00 p.m. Please look for the flyer for more information on this grant funded event.

• **MCAS testing** will take place during the following weeks in 2004. Please avoid planning travel and/or appointments that will affect attendance during these times.

Grade 3: March 22-April 2

Grade 4: March 30; May 17-28

Grade 5: May 17-28

• **Please be sure that your child dresses warmly for school.** In order to allow the children to get fresh air and exercise, we will go outside for recess unless it is extremely cold. Winter coats, hats and mittens/gloves are necessary most days in the winter. Thank you!

Floral Street School - Important Dates in January

January 8	Grade 5 Orchestra concert @ 7:00 in the Floral cafeteria
January 12	District-wide Parent Workshop on Study Skills at Coolidge School @7:00 p.m.
January 13	All School Meeting @ 2:30
January 14	Student Council meeting @3:30
January 15	District-wide Parent Workshop on Self Esteem in the cafeteria @7:00 p.m.
January 19	No school – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 20	No school – Teacher Professional Development Day
January 27	All School Meeting @ 2:30
January 27	School Council meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
January 28	Grade 4 & 5 Chorus concert @ 7:00 in the gym (Grade 4: Beall, Edgren, Walsh, Wilson only)
January 29	Grade 4 Chorus concert at 7:00 in the gym (Manning, Morgan, Portuondo, Rickard)